

## RELIGIOUS.

The Ohio State Sunday School Conference of the M. E. Church meets at Columbus on the 27th of May.

The Rev. Dr. Porter has resigned the editorship of the "Christian Intelligencer," the organ of the Reformed Church.

John A. Brown, esq., of Philadelphia, has contributed \$2000 to the Endowment Fund of Lafayette College, at Easton, Pa.

The Rev. Charles S. Robinson of the First Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, has gone to take charge of the American Church in Paris.

Carlo Pierce, esq., Methodist layman of Boston has just contributed to the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal Church, Washington, D. C., a grand organ, one of the finest in America, costing about \$20,000.

The Rev. Philander Smith, D. D., is senior Minister of the Methodist Church in Canada. He is in the 72nd year of his age, and 48th of his ministry, and is the oldest effective Methodist minister in Canada.

The Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Green of Princeton Theological Seminary has been elected President of the College of New-Jersey at Princeton, in the place of the Rev. Dr. McClellan, who resigned a few months ago.

The Hon. Thomas Talbot of the Massachusetts Council has presented the Baptist Society of Billerica with a sum of money, and has offered to give a gift if more is needed. He also gives \$300 per year to the Society, and will leave \$5000 as a permanent fund. Mr. Talbot is a Unitarian.

New-York has 222 churches and 119 missions of Evangelical character, 34 Catholic Churches, 6 Jewish Synagogues, 7 Spiritualistic, etc., and 100 other denominations, making total of 450 places of all kinds of worship, 230,000 persons. The resident population is about 800,000, of whom not over one half would be able to attend church at any one time, so that a deficiency of 120,000 is the average weekly attendance. In the west and districts to the majority of people are Methodists, and in other neighborhoods one-sixth of one-twelfth attend. The average attendance, however, does not exceed 60,000, and the total of regular and occasional churchgoers is about 200,000.

The *Sault Lake Picture* of the 6th has full reports of the "Thirty-eighth Annual Conference of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, Dear Santa." Elder Smith advised the abandonment of the use of "swine's meat," in which Brigham Young warmly seconded him. The increase of the culture of fish was urged, and the manufacture of flour recommended. On the main subject of navigation of silk was recommended, and so was the planting of mulberry trees. President Young wanted to see the ladies come to another conference with their straw hats and caps of their own manufacture. It is desired that no effort be made to bring over from Europe this season at least 6,000 adults.

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